



On Campus

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Contributors to United Way up 33 percent

Nearly 50 employees donated money to this year's United Way Campaign, a 33 percent increase in the rate of participation over a year ago. Forty-eight employees donated \$2,244 to the campaign, compared to 36 contributors a year ago. In addition, the student activities council donated more than \$1,300

raised at its Halloween dance in October. Combined, employees and students contributed \$3,574 to the campaign, an increase of nearly 20 percent from a year ago. This year's campaign was chaired by **Charles Ramon**, who also chairs GCC's board of trustees.

"I think this says a lot about our employees," said

President **Kay Sloan**.

"These are difficult economic times, but people were still willing to give what they could to our friends and neighbors who are less fortunate—even before their first pay increase in nearly five years was approved. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed."

Conversion to new computer takes place without a hitch

Miracles never cease. That's the word from EDP Programmer IV **Sylvia Carey**, who relates this story about the conversion from the old administrative computer to a new one:

"Friday, October 30 at 5 p.m. users were off the old computer system, for changeover to the new computer. Our goal was to have the new system up and running and the users back on-line by Tuesday morning, November 3.

"Saturday morning back-ups were completed and Monday morning's usual work was done for the final time on the old computer. Computer operator **Sandy Haughey** was printing and processing while Sylvia was making absolutely sure everything was dumped onto tape for loading onto the new system. **Verne Richardson**, EDP computer systems supervisor, was also on board for the day to help out along with **Mike**

Zoufaly from Data General.

"After the back-ups were completed the dismantling began. Cables and wires were pulled and we were on our way.

"**Tom Johnson**, the software support person from Data General, was busy generating a new system with all the new devices while the rest of us were busy moving old equipment and hooking up the new. By late afternoon we were loading data and software from the old computer onto the new.

"By Sunday we were getting close but still had some minor problems. The printers, for example, were not working. Mike was here until midnight that day working out various hardware problems.

"All day Monday was a test day with still more organizing of disks to do. Monday night, just prior to 9 p.m., we had CEO up and running and most of the applications.

Much testing still needed to be done as access control was going to be a problem.

"However, Tuesday morning we were up and running as planned!"

Martha Stiles, Nicole James named to alumni council

Martha Stiles has been named a member of the GCC Alumni Council and will be the alumni representative to the GCC Foundation board. Student senator **Nicole James** has also been added to the council as a student representative.

The council meets monthly except for a December recess. Dates and times are available in the alumni office for both alumni on campus and current students or staff. "You are welcome to join us," says Director of Alumni Relations **Colleen Johnston**.

People

Director of Financial Aid **Jane Abbott** presented financial aid workshops at Mahar Regional and Mohawk Regional high schools and at Northfield-Mt. Hermon School this month. She has another planned at Greenfield High School on January 7 at 7 p.m.

GCC has completed hiring four new staff to help implement the new Title III grant. They are:

Martha Banda of Amherst is the new Title III coordinator. She previously worked at Cambridge College as an admissions officer responsible for recruitment, advising and counseling students, and used computers extensively, especially helping others how to use it, she says. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts and a master's degree in management from Cambridge College. She has a particular interest in organizations undergoing change, and her master's thesis developed a plan to help organizations become more inclusive. Martha's extension is 298.

Diane Mueller-Klingspor of Northampton is the new Title III database administrator. She has lots of experience as a project leader and system administrator for other relational database packages, having worked for Nike, Fujitsu and most recently at James River Graphics in South Hadley. She has a degree from the University of Massachusetts, with minors in both computer science and linguistics. She can be reached at extension 288.

Kelly Dapprich of Amherst is a new programmer for Title III. He spent the previous seven-and-a-half years working as a programmer analyst for HBO Inc, a medical software firm in Amherst, and spent six months working on a project for Amherst College before joining GCC. He has attended several colleges, including GCC, and learned about computers through the former Business Educational Institute in West Springfield. His extension is 288.

Secretary **Barbara King**, also of Amherst, has worked and studied part-time at GCC since 1989. Before attending college she worked for many years as a secretary. Her working knowledge of the college is expected to be helpful in implementing the grant. Her extension is 298.

This just in: **Charlie Carter**, dean of administrative services, has been named "1992 Citizen of the Year" by *The Greenfield Recorder*. One of 58 people nominated for the award, Charlie was honored at a Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast attended by about 400 people at Derrfield Academy on December 22. Charlie, who has worked at GCC since 1979, was cited for numerous accomplishments. He was a Greenfield selectman from 1981-1983 and served on the school building, computer advising and town finance committees. He was a member of the board of directors of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce from 1979 to 1987, was its president

in 1985 and 1986 and vice-president in 1984. He is the outgoing chairman of the Franklin Medical Center's board of directors.

Director of Nursing **Margaret Craig**, representing the Massachusetts Nurses Association, is one of 17 co-authors of a new report by the Special Commission on Nursing. The report will be publicly released at the Statehouse at a special session of the legislature's Joint Committee on Health Care, chaired by Greenfield Representative Carmen Buell.

Trustee **Michael Ford** is among a small group of American volunteers chosen to observe Kenya's December 29 national elections. Michael, a frequent visitor to the east African country, speaks fluent Swahili and teaches African and African-American politics at Hampshire College. He left for the capital city of Nairobi on December 4 under auspices of the International Republican Institute, a non-partisan group that helps monitor elections worldwide. Michael is part of a small advance team that prepared a pre-election report on December 16. His group was then joined by hundreds of additional foreign observers monitoring Kenya's first multi-party democratic election since 1963.

Producers **Karen Green**, **Joe Lada** and **Garry Longe** of *The Math Connection*, GCC's cable television mathematics
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program for students in grades 3-7, received an Excellence in Educational Programming Award from Greenfield Community Television, Inc., in November.

Bonnie Hoffman of Greenfield began working at GCC on Monday, December 28 as secretary to Project ADAPT. She has an associate's degree from Berkshire Community College, and spent the last two-and-a-half years as the benefits coordinator for employees of the town of Amherst. Her extension is 274.

Michael Hurwitz has been hired as a half-time EDP operator in the library as part of the Title IID grant. He has a master's degree in library science from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Michigan State. He lives in Greenfield and also works part-time at the Greenfield Public Library. Michael's interests include music, computers, astronomy, physics and mathematics. He can be reached at extension 285.

Math professor **Sue MacLeod** had an article published in the winter 1992 *Journal of Developmental Education*. Titled, "Writing the Book on Fractions," the article is a report of a project done in her Math 101 class in 1991 in which her students wrote their own textbook.

Catherine Madsen, professor of English, has had an

article, "Uncommon Prayer: Toward a New Liturgy," published in the freshman composition anthology *Our Times 3: Readings from Recent Periodicals*, edited by Robert Atwan.

Kathleen Meredith, assistant for alumni, the Foundation and public relations, and her husband **John** had a nine-pound, four-ounce baby girl, **Rebecca**, on December 19. Kathleen's replacement while she is on maternity leave, if you haven't already met her, is **Jody Dwyer**, who can be reached at extension 270.

On the move: **Lynne Morris**, staff assistant for the dean of academic affairs, is now firmly ensconced in her new condominium on Laurel Street in Greenfield. She made the move on December 1.

Jeffrey E. Pride, son of Maintenance Foreman **John Pride, Jr.**, married **Laurie Heath** on December 5. They will live in Ashuelot, NH. Jeff is an owner/operator for North American Van Lines and Laurie is a teacher's aide for learning disabled children.

President **Kay Sloan** was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of Vermont Women in Higher Education, held in Burlington, VT, in November.

Lindy Whiton, adjunct professor of English, has been selected to participate in a national research project focusing on successful means of staff development in adult education. Funded by the

Division of Adult Education at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, the project involves six people from six states who will meet at the New Mexico campus January 23-30. Lindy has selected study circles and teacher inquiry across Massachusetts as the methodologies she will investigate.

Professor of Psychology and Early Childhood Education **Anne Wiley** has been asked to serve on the Access to Higher Education Project Advisory Board at Smith College. The research project, led by Dr. Erika Kates, is looking at access to higher education for low-income students and re-entry students. Anne, who is administering GCC's re-entry program this year, believes she is the only community college representative on the advisory board.

A. Ken Wilson, professor of sociology, attended the New England Sociological Association's annual convention held November 7 at Westfield State College. The theme of the meeting, "Liberal Learning and the Sociology Major: Reflections on the Curriculum," was the future of sociology and undergraduate studies.

Send news of your personal and professional accomplishments to Russell Powell, director of marketing and public relations, for inclusion in the next issue of *On Campus*.

Coming attractions

**Monday,
January 18**

Director of Diversity **Herb Hentz** will be the keynote speaker at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration on Monday, January 18 in the Sloan Theater. The theme of this year's program is "Moving Toward the Year 2000: Are We Ready?"

The program will consist of choral music by the singing group Amandla, readings from the winners of the Greenfield High School Future Program essay contest, readings from the winners of last year's MLK Observance Committee essay contest, and an edited videotape of Dr. King's speeches. There will also be book and clothing vendors to sell products that coincide with the celebration.

The event is free, but seating is limited. People interested in attending should contact the Observance Committee at 4 Church St. Millers Falls, 01349 or call 413-659-2570.

**Sunday,
February 21**

The culture, environment and economy of the former Soviet Union will be the focus of a special 30th anniversary symposium on Sunday, February 21, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Sloan Theater.

Alumnus **Peter Freisem** will present a slide show and answer questions about his 1991 bicycle trip around Russia's "Golden Ring," which

put him in close contact with Russian people, history and architecture. He will be joined during the afternoon by **Larry Buell**, professor of outdoor leadership, and economics professor **Martha Kimball**.

Buell travelled throughout the former Soviet Union for four months in 1991. Working with several grassroots environmental organizations, he trekked through remote villages and countryside. He will discuss the environmental challenges facing the former Soviet Union today, and will use poetry and traditional Russian music to describe his experiences.

Kimball will discuss her time as a teacher in Gomel, Belarus (an Independent State of Soviet Union). She traveled there in the spring of 1992 as part of GCC's exchange program with the Consumers' Cooperative Institute of Poltava (CCIP) in the Ukraine. The CCIP is one of eight institutes with whom GCC has agreed, with Berkshire, Holyoke and Springfield Technical community colleges, to an education, technical, faculty and student exchange program. Kimball's presentation will focus on business in the former Soviet Union, and how Russia is making the transition to a market economy.

A reception will follow. Admission will be \$4 for the general public, \$2 for faculty, staff and alumni, and \$1 for current students. For more information, contact the alumni office at extension 270.

**Friday,
February 26
and
Monday,
March 1**

Dr. **Daphne Duval Harrison**, author of *Black Pearls: Blues Queens of the 1920s*, and baritone **Daniel Comegys** will appear in the Sloan Theater on Friday, February 26 as part of Black History Month. At noon, Harrison will lecture on "Who's Got the Blues—And Why?" Comegys will give a lecture demonstration on Afro/American influences on classical music at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Harrison and Comegys will present an evening of concert and commentary, "The Art of Black Song," on Monday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m., also in the Sloan Theater. Harrison will provide commentary, Comegys will sing accompanied by **George Soulos**, professor of music, on piano. A reception will follow in the art gallery.

Both events are free and open to the public.

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